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RE: Restraint and Seclusion Reporting Requirements

Dear Health Care Provider:

Effective November 1, 2014, and quarterly thereafter, every general hospital, special hospital, and psychiatric hospital must provide data to the department regarding the use of restraint and seclusion, as mandated at 25 Texas Administrative Code §415.272(g). The first report is due on or before November 1, 2014 and quarterly thereafter (February 1st, May 1st, and August 1st). These requirements are applicable to any facility that is a Medicare or Medicaid provider and each facility is required to submit to the department on a quarterly basis, the data required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), for hospital-based inpatient psychiatric service measures related to the use of restraint and seclusion. All hospitals that are licensed pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 241 and certified by CMS, and all psychiatric hospitals that are licensed pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 577, and certified by CMS, must report data to the department.

In addition, effective November 1, 2015, and quarterly thereafter, every crisis stabilization unit, community mental health service provider, the Waco Center for Youth, and the Texas Center for Infectious Disease must report according to 25 Texas Administrative Code §415.272(h).

Each facility must report their data online at the following address:
<https://txdshsrestraintandseclusionreporting.questionpro.com>.

The reporting tool has further guidance about the specific information that must be reported to the department. However, if you have any questions related to this matter, please contact Derek Jakovich, Patient Quality Care Unit Manager, via e-mail at: Derek.Jakovich@dshs.texas.gov or by phone at: (512) 834-6700 x 2374. You may also reference the Health Facilities website at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/hfp/> for more information.

Thank you for your immediate compliance with these reporting requirements.

Sincerely,

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